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internal shaft of the assembly, said device comprising a support element adapted to be carried by said sleeve, said support element carrying a seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft having a lip portion arranged to engage an unthreaded surface portion of said shaft in sealing relationship for providing a high integrity seal during axial movement of said shaft relative to said sleeve.

- 20. (NEW) The seal device as recited in claim 19 wherein an outer surface of the support element serves, in use, to provide a smooth sealing surface for engagement by a lip portion of a further seal carried by an adjacent structure.
- 21. (NEW) The seal device as recited in claim 20 wherein said support element is in the form of a cap having a generally annular skirt adapted to fit, in use, over an end portion of said sleeve, said outer surface of said skirt serving for engagement by said further seal.
- 22. (NEW) The seal device as recited in claim 19 wherein said support element is carried externally by said sleeve.
- 23. (NEW) The seal device as recited in claim 19 wherein an annular base of said support element rests, in use, against said adjacent end of said sleeve with a portion of said shaft extending through said base.

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(NEW) The seal device as recited in claim 19 wherein said annular base houses an annular rim of said seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft.



- 25. (NEW) The seal device as recited in claim 19 wherein said lip portion of said seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft extends axially away from said base and said sleeve.
- 26. (NEW) An adjustable tappet assembly for a disc brake comprising an internally threaded outer sleeve, an externally threaded internal shaft, and a seal device, said seal device having a support element carried by said sleeve, said support element carrying a seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft having a lip portion arranged to engage an unthreaded surface portion of said shaft in sealing relationship for providing a high integrity seal during axial movement of said shaft relative to said sleeve.
- 27. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein an outer surface of said support element provides a smooth sealing surface engaged, in use, by a lip portion of a further seal carried by an adjacent structure.
- 28. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 27 wherein said support element is in the form of a cap having a generally annular skirt fitted over an end portion of said sleeve, said outer surface of said skirt providing said sealing surface engaged by said further seal.
- 29. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein said support element is carried externally by said sleeve.
- 30. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein an annual base of said support element, rests, in use, against an adjacent end of said sleeve with a portion of said shaft extending through said base.